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Complete Guide to the World's Twenty-nine Metal Monetary Systems. By JOHN HENRY NORMAN. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. — 328 pp.

The author's name appears but once upon the title page of this work ; but such self-suppression is not maintained in many of the pages that follow. Mr. Norman holds in low esteem most other writers upon currency, but devotes page after page to quoting what he himself has at various times written upon the subject. He modestly states that he writes his book "to assist men, statesmen, legislators, political economists and all teachers of the subject of money to obtain the necessary knowledge their respective positions call upon them to possess." What these men need, he complains, is a "masterly skill in bullion and coin," and he informs us that he "has been told" that such skill could be obtained by studying two of his own books.

The chief thought of the book is expressed with characteristic clearness in the following sentence :

Norman's unit of weight system consists of using the signs for one gram or one troy grain of pure gold and pure silver, or the lowest unit composing the weight of each country to the fourth and sixth decimal point, as a multiplier or divisor of any sign for pure gold and silver in any country to ascertain the weight of the same in the country using the sign.

In preparing these signs the author has, with infinite patience, worked out tables giving the absolute weight and the relative weight of all the coins of all the civilized and semi-civilized nations of the globe. These tables have a certain scientific value — enough, perhaps, to entitle the work to a brief notice.

CHARLES B. SPAHR.

The Science of International Law. By THOMAS ALFRED WALKER, M.A., LL.M., of the Middle Temple, Fellow and Lecturer of Peterhouse, Cambridge. London, C. J. Clay & Sons, 1893. — xvi, 544 pp.

Among modern works on jurisprudence there is none that has exerted a more powerful influence on the elementary conceptions of English and American students of law than that of Austin. For this fact there is a reason apart from what Mr. Walker appropriately